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SUBJ: VISIT OF UTAH INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES BO BAMA KO

REF: STATE 164542

1. UTAH INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES T.S. ARY AND COLIN E. SMITH VISITED BAMA KO JULY 21-24 TO CALL ON APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF EMBARKING ON MINERAL EXPLORATION PROGRAM IN MALI.

2. UTAH INTERNATIONAL (UI) IS A MAJOR AMERICAN FIRM DEALING IN MINERALS AND MINING. UI REPRESENTATIVES CAME TO MALI TO CALL UPON OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY, FINANCE AND PLANNING, TO DISCUSS INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND SPECIFICS OF HOW TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING INVESTMENT CODES, MINING CODES, ACCOUNTING AND TAX PROCEDURES, REGISTERING A FOREIGN COMPANY, PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS, ETC. BASED UPON REVIEW OF SPECIFICS, UI REPRESENTATIVES WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO BEGIN MINERAL EXPLORATION IN MALI.

3. EMBASSY ASSISTED UI REPS IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH FOLLOWING: OUMAR MAKALOU, DIRECTOR PRESENT'S CABINET; SEKOU DIALLO, DIRECTOR OF MINES AND GEOLOGY;
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AND LAMINE KEITA, MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL PLANNING

AND TOURISM.

4. ALL MEETINGS EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING FROM STAND-
POINT INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND SPECIFICALLY TOWARDS
US INTERESTS. OFFICIALS REPEATEDLY STRESSED
COMPLETE "OPEN DOOR" POLICY TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT
IN ALL FIELDS OF MINERAL AS WELL AS NATURAL RESOURCE
EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. EMBASSY OFFICERS
ACCOMPANIED UI REPS TO ALL MEETINGS TO INTERPRET AND
TRANSLATE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GOM MAKING CONCERTED
EFFORT TO ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MALI. ARY
AND SMITH APPEARED APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS.
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